

REMARKS

Claims 3-10, 14-16, 20 and 21 are in the application, with Claims 3, 11, 14, 20 and 21 having been amended, and with Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 17-19 and 22 having been cancelled. Claims 3 and 14 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

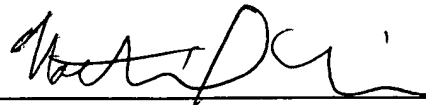
It is noted that all of the claims now in this application have been found to recite allowable subject matter. Claims 3 and 14, which were objected to as dependent on rejected base claims, have been rewritten in independent form without change in scope. In addition, rejected claims 11 and 20, formerly dependent on claim 1, have been amended to be dependent on claim 3. Also, claim 21, formerly dependent on claim 12, has been amended to be dependent on claim 14.

It is accordingly believed that no new issues are raised by this response, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

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